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WIFE CHEERS THAW AS SHE LEAVES HIM IN PRISONER'S PEN

She Urges Him to be Cheerful on This His Thirty-sixth Birthday and Tells Him Everyone Says the Jury Will Acquit Him on the First Ballot.

In Some Circles it is the Belief That Evelyn Thaw has Been Drilled in the Manner of Reciting Her Story to the Jury and There is a Suspicion That May McKenzie has Been the One Who Drilled Her in Most Effective Manner of Telling Her Story--Expert Witness Placed on Stand to Testify as to Thaw's Mental Condition.

New York, Feb. 12.--Previous to the opening of court at the Thaw trial today, there was a medley of speculation as to what the course of the defense would be. Evelyn Thaw, accompanied by her friend, May McKenzie, and Mrs. J. K. Caine, arrived at court early and greeted her husband affectionately in the prisoner's pen, bidding him to be good cheer on this his thirty-sixth birthday, and assuring him of her belief that before he is many days older, he would be well out of his difficulties. "Everyone says you will be acquitted on the first ballot," was the wife's parting word to her husband.

A witness who may prove valuable for defense arrives tomorrow on the Sassafras from Kingston. He is James Morley, who for five years was Thaw's valet and secretary. Morley declares Thaw slew White while under the hypnotic influence of a Frenchman.

Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the New Jersey hospital for inmates at Morris Plains, N. J., was the first witness this morning. Evans testified:

"What during your visits to Thaw did you observe of his mental condition?"

This was ruled out and Delmas then asked the witness to state his observation on the occasion of his first visit, made August 1, 1906.

"I observed," said Evans, "that Thaw exhibited a peculiar facial expression, a glare and restlessness of the eyes and an unnatural suspicion of me and everyone about. Thaw had a delusion of a personal character. He had an exaggerated idea of his own importance and believed he was the victim of prosecution which made his role that of a martyr."

"There are several varieties of different grades of mental unsoundness," Evans declared, "where the exaggerated 'ego' is manifested;" he explained the differences at length to the jury.

Delmas then led the witness to describe what he meant by "futility," or "excessive tendencies," which he said he had observed in Thaw. This called forth another lecture

from Evans. He announced pompously that Thaw refused to accede to his argument but stuck to the opinion had before the doctor talked with him.

The witness next took up his second visit to the Tombs to see Thaw. Evans declared that Thaw was even so insane as to tell him, an expert, how to conduct an examination. This was too much for Thaw, and grabbing a law book, he plunged his nose into it and apparently became interested. When he had completed his explanation and stated that Thaw was the victim of delusions, Evans declared: "After I had observed this much Thaw dismissed the physician and entered in an excited discussion with an attorney. 'I object,' declared the district attorney, and a squabble between attorneys, which lasted for the better part of an hour was precipitated.

Jerome objected to any testimony on Thaw's insanity that hinged on the oral statements, by Thaw.

The questions of the district attorney were of such nature that it was evident he intended to pin the witness down to the question of whether Thaw is insane, not only at the time of the killing, but at the time of the examination by the expert.

Delmas led the witness to describe other visits he had had with Thaw.

The latter, he said, was never alike on any two visits. On September 27th the doctor made a thorough physical examination of Thaw. It included examination for the symptoms of several diseases.

Thaw was calmer at this time and showed a disposition to be confidential. On the next visit Evans found Thaw even more communicative and they had a lengthy "heart to heart" talk.

Recess was then taken until 2 o'clock.

The climax of his day's testimony on the stand, Evans this afternoon stated that in his opinion, based on his first three visits to Thaw, the latter is of unsound mind. Jerome's attempts to pin him down so as to force him to ad-

mit that Thaw is insane now, failed.

New York, February 12.--Was May McKenzie the one who furnished the brains and the dramatic ability necessary to Thaw's wife in her remarkable recital on the witness stand of the details of her life's story? There are those who have closely followed the case who can account for the ultraprominence of Miss McKenzie in no other way, and they can present a strong case in support of their contention.

Evelyn Thaw, during her two days in the witness chair, poured out the most remarkable story ever told by a woman in a Court room--remarkable in its frankness, in its non-avoidance of revolting detail, in its failure to spare any single one of the characters who figure in its recelling circumstances except Harry Thaw himself.

More remarkable than all these, however, was the manner of its telling, the now apparently studied childishness of its recital, the dwelling with just the right emphasis and just the childish tone of voice necessary to send the pitiful

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FORTY MEN KILLED IN MINE ACCIDENT.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.--Forty men were killed outright and scores injured by an explosion in the mines at Bakhmut today. The bodies of the dead were horribly mangled.

New York, Feb. 12.--Three persons were killed and many injured when a Long Island railroad passenger train dashed into a funeral procession at noon today, on a grade crossing near Calvary cemetery.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED

King Edward Refers From the Throne to the Work of Americans at Kingston.

London, Feb. 12.--Without referring directly to the Swettenham incident, King Edward virtually concluded by expressing his gratitude, by addressing his gratitudes, in a speech to parliament from the throne today, for the sympathy shown by the United States in the island's great disaster.

STEAMER COLLIDES WITH A THREE MASTED SCHOONER AND SINKS

EIGHTY PERSONS GO DOWN WITH VESSEL WHICH SANK IN FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER COLLISION--TWO BOAT LOADS OF PASSENGERS ESCAPE FROM THE WRECK AND ALL BUT A HALF DOZEN OF THE FORTY PASSENGERS ARE FROZEN TO DEATH WHEN THE BOATS REACH LAND.

Watch Hill, R. I., Feb. 12.--The Joy Line steamer, "Larchmont," and the three masted schooner, "Harry Knowlton," collided off Quonochontong Beach at 11 o'clock last night.

The schooner's crew was rescued by the crew of the life saving station on the beach. The steamer disappeared after the collision, but word comes this morning via Narragansett Pier, that she sank within fifteen minutes after the collision. Two boatloads of passengers got away from the sinking steamer, but the remainder, numbering about four score, are believed to have been lost.

The two boats landed on Block Island this morning forty persons, but all but a half dozen in boats had frozen to death.

Freight and wreckage from the steamer began floating ashore on Block Island this morning. The tug, "Harriet," and the lighter "Diver" have been despatched from New London to the scene of the collision. The wind was blowing a gale from the northwest at the time of the collision, and it is supposed the collision came from this cause.

The crew of the schooner knew nothing of the fate of the steamer. A message from Block Island says the captain of the Larchmont and seven of her crew are alive and four of the crew were dead from cold when they landed there. Three passengers were alive in another boat, and seven on eight were frozen to death. The captain said he had 100 passengers on board the steamer, besides fifty members of the crew. No news of any others has been received, and it is almost certain they were lost.

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The bodies washed ashore at Block Island now number 18, but the names of the dead are still unobtainable.

A lifeboat with six men is known to have reached the shore. Two boats got away from the sinking ship, but whether others were launched, the survivors here do not know. In open boats with a gale blowing and the temperature at zero, the people in the boats suffered terribly. Those not frozen to death were so benumbed by the cold that they were unable to give a coherent account of their experiences.

The "Larchmont" was an old wooden, side wheeler, of 1500 tons and 250 feet over all. She plied between New York and Providence.

CALIFORNIA DELEGATION LAYS ITS CASE BEFORE PRESIDENT

Mayor Schmitz Says all That now Remains is for One or Both Sides to Modify Their Demands That an Agreement Can be Reached.

Washington, Feb. 12.--As a result of an hour's conference at the White House yesterday afternoon, at which President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, and the members of the school board of that city participated, Mayor Schmitz late last night made a statement, summarizing the situation.

When asked the direct question whether the proposition submitted by the San Francisco delegation called for the exclusion of Japanese school labor from this country, Mayor Schmitz replied:

"We are not making a treaty and have not discussed with the president the question of excluding the Japanese from this country by treaty. On Saturday, we heard the president's views and today we presented our side of the question at issue. It now remains for us to modify our views in order to reach an agreement with the president,

or for Mr. Roosevelt to modify his views to reach an agreement with us."

"Today's conference," adjourned subject to the call of the president, and I do not believe that we will be called to the White House again until Thursday or Friday."

It has been agreed that the whole matter will be considered at the cabinet meeting today.

It can be authoritatively stated that the president has appealed to Mayor Schmitz and his associates to bring the anti-Japanese agitation to an end by rescinding the school board's order for the establishment of Oriental schools.

When asked as to the general tone of the telegrams received from San Francisco, Mayor Schmitz said: "The people of California don't give a rap about the school question, but they are opposed to the admission of Japanese school labor into this country."

HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA EACH LAY BLAME ON THE OTHER

President Bonilla of Honduras Says Nicaragua is Massing Troops on Her Frontier and His State is Now Prepared to Defend Herself.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua Claims Honduras is Provoking His State and That if a Conflict Results it will be the Fault of Bonilla--Nicaraguan Minister at Washington Says There will be no War but That Peace will Prevail Before a Clash Occurs.

Panama, Feb. 12.--The following dispatch from President Bonilla of Honduras, sent in reply to a message asking for the Honduras site of the actual conflict with Nicaragua has been received. The message is dated Tegucigalpa, Feb. 11, and says:

"Nicaragua is concentrating a considerable force upon the frontier of Honduras without having made a declaration of war. We are assured an invasion will take place soon. Honduras is ready to repel the movement."

(Signed) "MANUEL BONILLA."

A well-known Central American merchant, who is familiar with the political designs of the various republics informed the correspondent of the press last night that President Zelaya of Nicaragua, believing he holds the balance of power in Central America, wants to put the matter to a test, and that he will oppose intervention by the United States.

The American steamer Barraconeta left here three days ago, loaded with war material for President Zelaya of Nicaragua.

The Nicaraguan refugees here are happy, believing that their president's downfall is sure. They hope that Honduras and Salvador will give all the aid possible to the revolutionists in Nicaragua who aim to overthrow Zelaya for the help he recently gave the Honduran revolutionists.

Generals Ortiz, Godoy and Chamorro and many other important Nicaraguans are among the officers of the army of President Bonilla of Honduras, and they have with them hundreds from the Eastern departments of Nicaragua.

Washington, Feb. 12.--Minister Corea, of Nicaragua yesterday had a lengthy conference with Assistant Secretary of State Bacon regarding the situation in Central America with special reference to

the trouble between his country and Honduras.

"You may rest assured of one thing," said Mr. Corea, "there will be no war between Honduras and Nicaragua. Although advice from my government are that President Bonilla, of Honduras, withdrew from the arbitration at San Salvador there are influences now at work which will avert a conflict at arms."

He would not state just what the influences were, but it is believed that the representations of the United States, Mexico and other Central American governments have been such as to convince Honduras of the futility of any warlike action on her part.

Mr. Corea declared that Nicaragua did not want war; that the country was in better condition now than ever before, and that her citizens are thinking only of their country's progress and development.

San Salvador, Feb. 12.--The representative of the press spoke to the president of Salvador, Jose Escalon, regarding the Honduras-Nicaraguan trouble. The president pointed out that the difficulty was distinctly confined to Honduras and Nicaragua. Salvador stood as a friendly mediator to both countries.

The court of arbitration met in San Salvador, and Salvador was a signatory of the Corinto agreement. The court of arbitration was dissolved because Nicaragua refused to obey the order of the court that the forces in front of both countries be disbanded. The terms of the Corinto agreement have thus been broken.

Salvador, President Escalon continued, is making every effort to preserve peace, and he is at one with the United States, Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica to this end.

New York, Feb. 12.--The following dispatch has been received from President Zelaya, of Nicaragua:

"Nicaragua is being provoked by Honduras, which is preparing to repeat her recent aggression."

(Signed) "SANTOS J. ZELAYA," "President."

NEW SHAH OF PERSIA PREVENTS A REVOLT

All Popular Demands, Including a Constitutional Government are Conceded but not Until the Arsenal at Tabriz has Been Seized and Revolution is Threatened.

Teheran, Feb. 12.--The shah last night sent a message to parliament, granting all the popular demands, including formal recognition that the country is under constitutional government.

This message was telegraphed to Tabriz, where the people had seized the arsenal and closed the government offices. All is now quiet.

The conflict between the shah and the assembly has come to an end, at least for the time being, but not before the situation has assumed a threatening aspect, and even now it is doubtful whether the shah's eleventh hour recognition of the country as a constitutional monarchy will avert popular outbreaks.

Parliament sat all day long awaiting the decision of the monarch, while excited crowds surged outside the building.

It was known that Tabriz had threatened to elect a new shah unless the demands of parliament were granted, and rumors were current of preparations for an uprising in all the large towns.

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DISCLOSE A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE COUNT WITTE

London, Feb. 12.--A special dispatch received here from St. Petersburg says an infernal machine was discovered accidentally last night in a chimney of the house occupied by Count Witte, the former premier.

The machine was timed to explode

MARTIN'S FERRY IS KILLED WITHOUT NATURAL GAS

Martin Perry, W. Va., Feb. 12.--With the temperature five below this morning, natural gas supply failed, and five thousand people are going hungry and freezing.

